REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the application in view of the above amendment and following remarks to follow are respectfully requested.

None of the claims have been amended but the claims are listed above for convenience.

Applicant gratefully acknowledges the allowance of claims 1-6. Claims 7-9 and 12-14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112 because allegedly the elements of the claims are not clearly linked or associated with corresponding structures disclosed in the specification. Applicant traverses this rejection because the original claims, which are part of the original specification, clearly linked or associated the claim elements by number with the corresponding structures in the specification.

In claim 7 the protecting means is 221 in the specification In claim 7 the transmitting means is 222 in the specification In claim 8 the receiving means is 223 in the specification n claim 8 the modifying means is 224 in the specification In claim 8 the transmitting means is 225 in the specification In claim 9 the receiving means is 226 in the specification In claim 9 the restoring means is 227 in the specification In claim 9 the verification means is 228 in the specification In claim 10 the protecting means is 221 in the specification

In addition, Applicant denies any statement, position or averment of the Examiner that is not specifically addressed by the foregoing argument and response. Any rejections and/or points of argument not addressed would appear to be moot in view of the presented remarks. However, the Applicant reserves the right to submit further arguments in support of the above stated position, should that become necessary. No arguments are waived and none of the Examiner's statements are conceded.

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this application in condition for immediate allowance and notice to this effect is earnestly solicited.

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit any overpayment or charge any fee (except the issue fee) including fees for any required extension of time, to Account No. 14-1270.

Respectfully submitted,

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